

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE REGULATORY  
FRAMEWORK FOR CANNABIS IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am writing to let you know of my experience with cannabis prohibition and how it has affected me. For the last couple of years I have suffered from a painful medical condition which has affected my ability to work. I would like to be able to use cannabis as a pain relieved measure, as I am not comfortable using other prescription pain medications (they're too strong and the side effects are unpleasant). I've been able to access a small amount of cannabis flower some months ago and found that it was very helpful in alleviating my discomfort and left me perfectly capable to carry out my daily tasks. However, the price of a legal prescription is extremely high, well out of reach of someone on an income support payment, and I would prefer not to engage in criminal activity to access this medication. I feel that it is well past time that Australian adults should be TREATED as adults, and be allowed to legally grow and/or purchase cannabis for their personal use (for both medical and recreational purposes). I don't think that an easily cultivated and well-proven medication should be solely kept as a cash cow for commercial interests, and furthermore am convinced that recreational use of cannabis is far less damaging in both a societal and health sense than the alcohol in which our society is currently awash. I would implore you to do what you can to change the laws in this regard, and allow Australian adults to choose to use cannabis if it is their wish. Furthermore, the current road drug testing regime in NSW is ridiculous and criminalises drivers with barely detectable amounts of THC in their systems, far below the threshold of intoxication; this must be changed. Other countries are able to charge drivers only when they're acutely and adversely affected by THC -- it is perfectly reasonable for Australian drivers to expect the same treatment. Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be more than happy to testify if required, although I suspect I will not be requested to do so. However, as someone in their 60s who has always been a law-abiding citizen in every other respect, I would appreciate it if you'd do what you can to advocate for changing the laws to a sensible compromise.